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**MAN SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO
CARRY KNIFE THROUGH EVANSVILLE AIRPORT**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JEFFREY BRETT SMALLWOOD, 41, of Rockport, Indiana, was sentenced to 6 months probation today by U.S. Magistrate Judge William G. Hussmann, Jr. following his guilty plea to entering an airport area in violation of security requirements. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Transportation Security Administration.

SMALLWOOD pleaded guilty to the charges in court immediately before sentencing. According to facts presented in court during the guilty plea, on February 17, 2004,

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SMALLWOOD was a ticketed passenger on Delta Flight 6156 from Evansville to Cincinnati. Following normal boarding procedure, SMALLWOOD placed his carry-on bag in the baggage screening instrument. The TSA screener spotted an object inside an aerosol can in SMALLWOOD's baggage. The screener opened SMALLWOOD's bag and found that a Desenex can in the bag had been emptied and fitted with a screw-off false bottom. After opening the bottom, the screener found a folding pocket knife and a wad of tissue inside the can. SMALLWOOD stated that he used the knife for his job and did not intend to use the knife in a harmful way.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hussmann also imposed 16 hours of community service as a condition of SMALLWOOD's probation. SMALLWOOD was fined in the amount of \$250 in addition to a fine of \$1,500 previously imposed by the Transportation Security Administration for the violation.

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